

**MARTINSVILLE COMMON COUNCIL  
MARTINSVILLE INDIANA  
MORGAN COUNTY, INDIANA  
MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2016**

Mayor Shannon Kohl called the Martinsville Common Council to order on Monday, August 15, 2016. Councilman Ben Merida then led those in attendance in opening prayer followed by the Mayor's leading attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

**THOSE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Shannon Kohl, Mayor  
Terry Buster, District 1  
Ben Merida, District 2  
Mike Lanam, District 3  
Chip Keller, District 4  
Phil Deckard II, District 5  
Eric Bowlen, Councilman-at-Large  
David Trout, Councilman-at-Large  
Dale Coffey, City Attorney  
Rick Lange, Chief of Police  
Valerie Hugart, Clerk-Treasurer  
Becky Tumey, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Clerk  
Craig Demott, DPW

A quorum was declared present.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman David Trout to pass on the reading of the minutes from August 1, 2016 meeting and to accept the Minutes as written. Councilman Mike Lanam seconded the motion. The Motion passes 5-0.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Kohl reported she attended the annual IACT Conference last week. Also, budget workshops will be held in September and an executive session will be held August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. The City pool has closed for the season due to a pump that failed.

**COMMITTEE REPORT** – Mike Dellinger, MCEDC, appeared he attended a conference recently representing Morgan County.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 2016-1727 Fireworks** – City Attorney Dale Coffey presented an ordinance that would establish use of fireworks in the City. He patterned the ordinance after the City of Franklin. Councilman Chip Keller says he likes the direction the ordinance is going, but would like more time to review it. The other Councilmen agreed. Councilman Keller made the motion to table the ordinance. Councilman Ben Merida seconded the motion. The Motion passes 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Ordinance 2016-1726 Establish Pay for Redevelopment Commission** – This ordinance establishes pay at \$75.00 per meeting. A motion to allow and approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Ben Merida and seconded by Councilman Mike Lanam. Councilman Chip Keller abstained. The Motion passes 4-0.

*At 7:12 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II to adjourn the Council meeting for a Public Hearing. This was seconded by Councilman David Trout. The Motion passes 5-0.*

+++++PUBLIC HEARING+++++

Mike Dellinger, MCEDC, appeared to request a tax abatement for For Bare Feet, in the amount of \$241,000.00. Derrick Raymer, Director of Operations at FBF stated equipment has been purchased. The improvements has increased production by 10%, packaging by 25% and has created 12-15 jobs in office and production staff. Comments from the Public were called for by Mayor Kohl. Citizen Fred Robinson asked how many employees FBF has, to which he was told 162. There being no further public comments, the Public Hearing ended at 7:19p.m.

Reconvene Common Council meeting at 7:20 p.m.

A motion to allow the tax abatement was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II and seconded by Councilman David Trout. The Motion passes 5-0.

*At 7:24 p.m., a motion was made by Councilman David Trout to adjourn the Council meeting for a Public Hearing. This was seconded by Councilman Phil Deckard II. The Motion passes 5-0.*

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+++++PUBLIC HEARING+++++

Mike Dellinger, MCEDC, appeared to request a tax abatement for Form Tec Plastics. Form Tec Plastics has purchased \$900,000.00 in new equipment and added 8 new jobs. Mayor Kohl called for public comment. Being no public comments, the Public Hearing closed.

The Common Council meeting reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

A motion to allow the tax abatement was made by Councilman Phil Deckard II and seconded by Councilman Mike Lanam. The Motion passes 5-0.

**WATER REIMBURSEMENT ORDINANCE** – City Attorney Dale Coffey opened the discussion by telling the Council, the Board of Works deferred this issue to the Council. Mr. Coffey reminded everyone, the current City ordinance does not allow for consideration of water adjustments. If the City decides to allow water adjustments, it must be stated by ordinance. Councilman David Trout wants the ordinance to be very restrictive. Items to consider by all Councilmen included: would adjustment be by address; one-time or perhaps annual; what circumstances would a water credit be issued? Councilman Phil Deckard II asked if the radio-read meter company could be brought back for questions. Coffey suggested a request of qualifications be ordered in a study. No action was taken on the ordinance.

**WATER UTILITY FEE CREDIT** – A discussion concerning water tap fees suggested the rate may have hurt development. A motion to table this item until the next meeting was made by Councilman David Trout and seconded by Councilman Ben Merida. The Motion passes 7-0.

**CLAIMS**

A motion to accept the claims as reported was made by Councilman Ben Merida. Councilman Mike Lanam seconded the motion. The Motion passes 5-0. Councilman Chip Keller abstained on claims from Keller Office Supply.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Kohl called for comments from the public. Randi Edgerton, 740 E Pike Street, came forward to discuss Christmas lighting at the Jimmy Nash City Park. Ms. Edgerton has been in contact with Ed Kominowski of the Community Foundation. Ms. Edgerton and Mr. Kominowski are of the opinion that *Christmas Wonderland* is still a committee. Mayor Kohl recently appointed Robin Ferran to oversee the Christmas project. The Mayor also has invited those on the former committee to join the new committee now under the direction of the Council. The Community Foundation is holding donated funds for the Park in the amount of \$7,800.00. Ms. Edgerton accepted the Mayor's invitation to be a part of the new committee. City Attorney Dale Coffey reported Ed Kominowski has no power over the City. No action was taken by the Council.

**AJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Councilman David Trout made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by Councilman Ben Merida. The Motion passes 5-0.

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ATTEST:

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Rebecca J Tumey, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy Clerk-Treasurer